

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-21 (canceled).

22. (currently amended) The coupling of claim 21 A coupling comprising:

first and second generally tubular members each having a sealing end face, a raised, annular sealing bead, an inner bore, and a frictional surface located radially outward of said sealing bead, said tubular members being generally coaxially arranged such that said sealing faces face each other; and

a sealing gasket captured between said sealing beads for sealing said coupling, wherein said frictional surface engages said sealing gasket to prevent relative rotation between said tubular members; said sealing gasket having two respective sides,

wherein said sealing gasket includes a sealing surface on each of said respective sides of said gasket, each of said sealing surfaces contacting one of said sealing beads of said tubular members; and an anti-rotation surface on each of said respective sides of said gasket, each of said anti-rotation surfaces contacting one of said frictional surfaces of said tubular members, wherein each of said respective sealing surfaces and anti-rotation surfaces are co-planar prior to coupling make-up, wherein each of said frictional surfaces has raised protrusions

23. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 22 wherein said raised protrusions are formed by knurling.

24. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 23 wherein said knurling extends generally radially.

25. (canceled).

26. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 38 wherein each pin extends axially forwardly a distance slightly greater than its respective bead.

27. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 38 wherein said pins are generally equally radially spaced.

28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 39 wherein said flange has a taper portion that reduces in thickness in an axial direction, and therein said groove is correspondingly tapered to closely receive said flange.

30. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 39 further comprising a second groove on said second tubular member and a second flange on said first tubular member, said second flange being disposed in said second groove.

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31. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 39 wherein said groove and said flange are located radially outward of said gasket.

32. (canceled).

33. (currently amended) ~~The gland of claim 32~~ A gland for use in a coupling assembly, wherein said gland includes:

a sealing end face, a raised annular sealing bead located on said sealing end face and an inner bore; and

a frictional surface comprising a radially extending band located radially outward of said raised annular sealing bead; wherein said sealing bead and said frictional surface are adapted to engage coplanar surfaces of a sealing gasket, wherein said frictional surface has raised protrusions.

34. (previously presented) The gland of claim 33 wherein said raised protrusions are formed by knurling.

35. - 37. (canceled).

38. (previously presented) A coupling comprising:
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first and second generally tubular members each having a sealing end face, a raised, annular sealing bead, an inner bore, and a frictional surface located radially outward of said sealing bead, said tubular members being generally coaxially arranged such that said sealing faces face each other; and

a sealing gasket captured between said sealing beads for sealing said coupling, wherein said frictional surface engages said sealing gasket to prevent relative rotation between said tubular members;

wherein said sealing gasket includes a sealing surface that contacts said sealing beads of said tubular members and an anti-rotation surface that contacts said frictional surface of said tubular members, wherein said frictional surface comprises a plurality of axially-extending pins.

39. (previously presented) A coupling comprising:

first and second generally tubular members each having a sealing end face, a raised, annular sealing bead, an inner bore, and a frictional surface located radially outward of said sealing bead, said tubular members being generally coaxially arranged such that said sealing faces face each other; and

a sealing gasket captured between said sealing beads for sealing said coupling, wherein said frictional surface engage said sealing gasket to prevent relative rotation between said tubular members;

wherein said sealing gasket includes a sealing surface that contacts said sealing beads of said tubular members and an anti-rotation surface that contacts said frictional surface of said {DG0668.DOC;1}

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tubular members, wherein said first tubular member includes a generally radially-extending flange received in a groove on said second tubular member, wherein said flange extends forwardly from said sealing face of said first tubular member.

40. - 43. (canceled).